

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS and MINING

Minerals Program

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Date

AMERICAN GILSONITE COMPANY - AMENDMENT

Operator - Project Name

FED LEASE UTL-075041

M/047/010

File #

Criteria for Defining Amendments and Revisions

This policy became effective May 22, 1991

The following policy provides clarification in determining whether a proposed change to a plan should be considered an amendment or a revision under rules R647-4-118 and R647-4-119. A revision is considered a significant change to the approved Notice of Intention or MRP and would require public notice. An amendment is considered to be a less significant change to the Notice of Intention. If the proposed change to the Mining and Reclamation Plan qualifies for three of the four categories discussed below, then the change will be considered a **revision** and addressed under rule R647-4-119. If the proposed change does not fall within three of the categories below, it will be considered an **amendment** and addressed under rule R647-4-118. The determination will be based on the following categories:

	Criteria	Comments
1	The acreage will increase by 50% of the existing acreage or 50 acres, whichever is smaller. For example, if a 10 acre site increases by 5 acres, it would then fall within this category.	EXISTING LMO = 107.2 ACRES CHANGE = 4.1 ACRES THIS CHANGE IS NOT 50% OF THE EXISTING ACREAGE. THIS CHANGE IS NOT 50 ACRES. ∴ NO
2	The surety will increase by 25% of the existing surety or \$50,000, whichever is smaller. BLM HOLD \$120,000 STATEWIDE BOND FOR LESSEES (CURRENTLY INACTIVE)	EXISTING SURETY = \$324,900 CHANGE ESTIMAT FROM THE OPERATOR IS \$75,000. THIS IS GREATER THAN \$50,000 ∴ YES
3	The overall additional environmental impacts are considered significant, when compared with impacts already affecting the site. The degree of change would not be negligible. This determination is made after evaluating the impacts to soils, vegetation, hydrology (ground and surface), wildlife, air, or other media.	BLM APPROVAL AND STIPULATIONS DID NOT IDENTIFY SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. ∴ NO
4	The impacts proposed in the amendment are significant enough to warrant the need for an opportunity for public comment.	

DOES NOT MEET TWO OF THE FOUR CRITERIA, ∴ THIS IS

This proposal is:

☒ an Amendment

☐ a Revision